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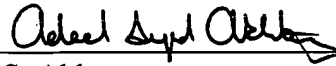
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 14, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.